

MORE THAN \$3,000,000 ADDITION TO BUDGET

Finance Committee Votes Police and Firemen's Salaries Increase

An increase of more than \$3,000,000 over the amount required last year was approved for the maintenance of seventeen county departments by Council's Finance Committee at a meeting this afternoon.

The appropriations recommended for these departments total approximately \$18,500,000. For the same departments last year \$14,474,818.58 was appropriated.

Included in the three million-dollar appropriation are salary increases and many new places.

The county budget will be reported favorably to Council tomorrow and passed on December 20.

The purchase of three new automobiles for the Bureau of Street Cleaning is provided for in a transfer bill, which the Finance Committee prepared for passage tomorrow.

Steps to remove any obstacles which may interfere with granting a rise to the police and firemen were taken at a conference with Chairman Gaff at a conference with Chairman Gaff at a conference with Chairman Gaff.

At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Gaffney said salary increases for city jobs would not be taken up by the Finance Committee at its meeting today.

The request for increases for the firemen and police are being considered by the Finance Committee and will be reported to Council on December 20.

The present plan is to increase the pay of policemen from \$3 to \$4 a day and that of firemen from \$2.50 to \$3.

Members of the Police Protective Association claim that a salary raise will be a small part of their demands.

Will Lecture on Holland Jerome Hall Raymond, who is giving a course of lectures on "Typical European States and Their Problems," will talk before the Central Y. M. C. A. auditorium, 1421 Arch street.

AMERICAN LEAGUE MAY REDUCE PLAYER LIMIT

Plans to Cut Roster From 25 to 22—Magnates also Favor 140-Game Schedule

AMERICAN club owners, shortly before they formally opened their annual meeting this afternoon, appeared to be united for a reduction of the player limit from twenty-five to twenty-two.

The officials who particularly favor the twenty-two player limit are Colonel Ruppert and Miller Huggins, of the New York Yankees, and President Ball, of the St. Louis Browns.

Huggins and Huggins announced they were negotiating for a trade which would bring Derrell Pratt, of the Browns, to New York.

They said it would have to be a player deal rather than a cash transaction, because they didn't know which of their men they would consider eligible to such a trade.

The majority of the club owners were in favor of a 140-game schedule for next year, as compared with the 154-game schedule of the past.

Every official in attendance was in the market for players—any player, at any price. They realize, some said, that the minor leagues are "poor picking" this year, because they already have a surplus of players.

WINTER'S BLASTS CAN'T CHILL EXUBERANT SPIRITS



As the cold weather tightens its grip, skating conditions around the city improve. These fair skaters on Concourse Lake are having the time of their young lives executing "figure eights," "double twirlers" and all the other intricate figures known to the virtuosi of the steel runners.

SEEK SLAYER OF WIFE AND THREE NEIGHBORS

Armed Posse Scours Marshes in Hunt for Quadruple Murderer

A farmer's posse, armed with shotguns and aided by constables, today are groping their way through the frozen marshes of the Jersey shore of Delaware Bay.

GIRLS MARCH FROM BLAZING OLYMPIA MILLS

For the second time within less than a month the Olympia Woolen Mills Twenty-fourth and Ellsworth streets, of which former Mayor Rudolph Blankenburg is part owner, was visited by fire this morning.

SUIT PROMISES LIGHT ON THEATRICAL 'POOL'

Nixon and Other Klaw & Erlanger Interests Allege Agreement With Shuberts

More light on the pooling of theatrical interests in Philadelphia, by which the Klaw & Erlanger, Nixon and Shubert combinations were invested against Nixon and the Nixon and Klaw & Erlanger interests, is promised in a lawsuit brought by Samuel F. Nixon and others, allied with Klaw & Erlanger, against the Shuberts.

FIVE AUTOMOBILES BURNED

Fire Destroys Row of Garages in West Philadelphia

Five automobiles were destroyed and numerous houses threatened in a fire which started in a row of individual garages last night at Fifty-fourth street and Woodland avenue.

ADOPT BABY MASCOTS

Little Ones Make Own Plea at Campaign Luncheon—Total Exceeds \$44,269

Twenty-five babies, black and white, from the Babies' Hospital made their own plea today to the 300 volunteer workers for the Babies' Hospital campaign gathered at 12:30 at the Bellevue-Stratford to report progress.

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WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE PLANS SELLING CAMPAIGN IN INDUSTRIAL SECTIONS

More than 40,000 employees of the various industrial plants of the city were represented at the first general meeting of the industrial section committee of the National War Savings Committee held today at the committee's headquarters, 1423-1431 Walnut street.

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The dead man is Joseph Laskovsky, twenty-five years old, 110 Carpenter street, who was the intended victim of the robbery.

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Directors Ask Congress to Create Body to Control Industries and Labor

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A communication asking Congress to authorize such a body described the proposed board as a central control over all the government's war-buying with the power to settle all differences between employers and employees to prevent stoppage of work by strikes or lockouts, to control all employees and all plants, making war materials and profits and to suspend all rules, practices or customs which might restrict war production.

The resolution adopted today calls attention to the fact that the War Supply Board of American Business held at Atlantic City September 18-21, recommended that "all war buying should be assembled under the control of one board or executive department," authorized by law and controlled by the President.

The board also voted a per cent dividend on preferred stock, which will amount to \$1.50 a share on 12,700 shares, or a total dividend of \$19,625. The dividend will be paid out of the net earnings of 1917.

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BANDIT GANG VICTIM WILL SURVIVE ATTACK

Policeman Shot While Battling With Auto Thieves Regains Consciousness

Policeman Walter James, attached to the Twentieth and Federal streets station, who late last night single-handed, under a fusillade of pistol shots, battled with a gang of gunmen until he was wounded, regained consciousness today at St. Agnes' Hospital, and furnished detectives with a description of the men who attacked him. James was shot in the face. He will recover. Pictures of some of the men mentioned by James are in the pages of the ledger.

The attack on James was another chapter enacted by the automobile bandits, who for a week have been operating in this city. Besides James being wounded William O'Neil, nineteen years old, of Brooklyn, N. Y., alleged leader of the gang, was wounded in the left arm. Another man who was seriously wounded was Henry Quadra, thirty-five years old, 1222 South Eleventh street.

Officer employed by C. C. Harrison, Jr., 245 East Birkenhead square, Philadelphia, who was shot in the face, was also in St. Agnes' Hospital.

The triple shooting occurred about 10 o'clock last evening in the saloon of Charles Packoff, Reed and Bouvier streets, where O'Neil and an automobile belonging to the Harrison family had been traced, after the machine had been stolen from in front of Quadra's home.

Quadra, driving the Harrison car, reached his home shortly after 8 o'clock last evening. While eating his supper the automobile was stolen. When he reached the street neighbors told him that a youth accompanied by about six or seven young men had jumped into the car and rode away.

For two hours Quadra made a tour of South Philadelphia searching for the car. He had reached Reed and Bouvier streets when he saw the Harrison car on the corner. Several negroes told Quadra that a party of men who had alighted from the car were in Packoff's saloon. Nearby stood Policeman James, to whom Quadra reported the theft of the car.

James and Quadra entered the saloon, followed by a group of negroes, who had just driven the car. At this time the saloon was in a pitch of excitement.

Eight or ten men were leveling revolvers at patrons in the saloon. According to James, the party of men who was participating in the hold-up of the saloon.

"I want you," said James, as he rushed forward and tried to place his hand on O'Neil.

"Get back, you dirty —" shouted O'Neil.

Before James could draw his revolver, the police officer O'Neil pulled the trigger of his revolver. The first bullet struck James in the face, penetrating his cheek.

The shot was heard by Policeman William Clark, of the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue station, who ran toward the saloon. His attention was attracted to the loud screams of women and children. O'Neil's companions were shooting left and right when Clark entered the place. James, though wounded, was on his feet firing back at the gunmen. One of the shots fired by James struck O'Neil in the arm. Before the gunmen fled they had succeeded in wounding Quadra.

A hot call brought a squad of policemen from the Fifteenth street and Snyder avenue station. O'Neil was placed under arrest. With James and Quadra he was removed to St. Agnes' Hospital. Detectives later questioned O'Neil at the hospital, but he refused to say a word.

O'Neil was held by Magistrate Watson in Central station without bail to await the result of J. James' injuries, and in \$2000 bail on the charge of attacking the Harrison automobile.

Two men suspected of being implicated in the hold-up of the saloon and in the theft of the Harrison car were arrested early today.

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